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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AND DONATIONS OF JUNE 23 CONFERENCE ON RECONSTRUCTION OF NAHR AL-BARID REFUGEE CAMP - JORDAN DEMARCHE DELIVERED

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Classified By: Ambassador David Hale
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Jamal Shamaylah, Director of the FM's Private Office on June 9. Shamaylah confirmed that FM Salah Al-Bashir will attend the June 23 conference in conjunction with a trip to Berlin for a similar conference on Palestinian refugees. The FM was similarly demarshaled by a joint EU delegation on the importance of the conference earlier in the week.

¶2. (SBU) On the subject of financial assistance, Shamaylah confirmed that Jordan's current budgetary situation will not permit a contribution. Shamaylah did leave open the possibility of technical assistance, however. He called the reconstruction of the camp a "Lebanese sovereignty issue," and indicated that Jordan would tread lightly on such a sensitive issue.

¶3. (C) Jordanian officials provided then-LAF commander Sleiman a list of items Jordan would be prepared to give the LAF from the JAF's inventory during Sleiman's visit to Jordan earlier this year. JAF CHOD Sarayreh recently confirmed to us that Sleiman never got back to him.

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